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SUBJ: SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS VISITS THE HAGUE

1. SUMMARY: IN PRESS CONFERENCE AT CONCLUSION
WORKING VISIT TO THE HAGUE, SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS
WARNED ABOUT POSSIBLE GRAVE CRISIS IN EUROPEAN-AMERICAN
RELATIONS AND EMPHASIZED GROWING SOVIET MILITARY EFFORT
AS THREAT TO WORLD PEACE. SECRETARY GENERAL ALLUDED
TO HIS DISCUSSIONS IN BONN WITH THE SECRETARY AND
SAID PRESIDENT WOULD VISIT EUROPE IN APRIL BUT WOULD
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ONLY VISIT BRUSSELS. LUNS SAID HIS IMPRESSION WAS THAT

ATLANTIC DECLARATION NOT READY, PRESIDENT WOULD NOT VISIT. END SUMMARY.

2. SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS VISITED THE HAGUE MARCH 6. HE CALLED ON PRIME MINISTER DEN UYL, FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL, DEFENSE MINISTER BREDELING, AND MET WITH SECOND CHAMBER FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE COMMITTEES. AT CONCLUSION OF VISIT DURING PRESS CONFERENCE, LUNS WARNED ABOUT POSSIBLE GRAVE CRISIS IN EUROPEAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS IF EUROPEAN ALLIES FAIL TO INTEGRATE POLITICALLY AND COORDINATE THEIR POLICIES IN CONSULTATION WITH THE U.S.

3. ALLUDING TO HIS DISCUSSION WITH THE SECRETARY IN BONN, LUNS SAID ONE OF THE TOPICS DISCUSSED HAD BEEN POOR STATE OF EUROPEAN-AMERICAN POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS AND COORDINATION. LUNS QUOTED SECRETARY AS COMMENTING, "IF EUROPE FLOATS IT POLICIES, THE US WILL HAVE TO DO THE SAME."

4. LUNS TOLD PRESS PRESIDENT WAS DUE TO VISIT EUROPE IN APRIL BUT THAT HE WOULD ONLY VISIT BRUSSELS. LUNS SAID HIS IMPRESSION WAS THAT IF "ATLANTIC DECLARATION" OF COMMON FOREIGN POLICY NOT READY, PRESIDENT WOULD NOT COME. LUNS SAID IT WOULD NOT BE TOO DIFFICULT FOR NINE TO UNITE IN COMMON POLITICAL PURPOSE TO PRODUCE SUCH DECLARATION.

5. QUESTIONED BY REPORTERS ABOUT EUROPEAN COMPLAINT US HAD FAILED CONSULT WITH ALLIES DURING WORLD-WIDE MILITARY ALERT DURING OCTOBER ME WAR, SECRETARY GENERAL COMMENTED US HAD ACKNOWLEDGED IT HAD FALLEN SHORT IN CONSULTING WITH ALLIES. LUNS STRESSED, HOWEVER, IT HAD BEEN SIMPLE ALERT, NOT NUCLEAR ALERT, AND ADDED THAT SINCE LAST OCTOBER THERE HAD BEEN SIX OR SEVEN SITUATIONS THAT CALLED FOR AN ALERT AND IN EACH CASE US HAD "VERY INTENSIVE" CONSULTATIONS WITH NATO.

6. LUNS REFERRED TO CURRENT SOVIET MILITARY EFFORT, PARTICULARLY SOVIET NAVAL ACTIVITIES AND TERMED THIS EFFORT CONTINUING THREAT TO WORLD PEACE.

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